

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94468

Toshihisa KOMORI, *et al.*

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Examiner: Jennifer Ann Dunston

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For: BONE AND/OR JOINT DISEASE-ASSOCIATED GENES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2009, the period for response being extended for two months, from May 20, 2009, to July 20, 2009, based on the filing herewith of a Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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